

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of enhancing a life span of a read/write storage
2 medium, the method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying whether a file on a read/write storage medium is a static file or a
4 dynamic file;

5 migrating the file to a dynamic region of the read/write storage medium if the
6 [[files]] file is a static file; and

7 migrating the file to a static region of the read/write storage medium if the file is a
8 dynamic file.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, the identifying step comprising the step of:
2 counting a number of rewrite cycles of the file.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, the identifying step comprising the step of:
2 comparing the number of rewrite cycles of the file to a predetermined rewrite
3 cycle threshold.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined rewrite cycle
2 threshold is associated with a read/write storage medium identifier.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined rewrite cycle
2 threshold is associated with a drive identifier for the read/write storage medium.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined rewrite cycle
2 threshold is based on self-testing by performing rewrite cycles to a data block of the read/write
3 storage medium until the data block is unstable.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined rewrite cycle
2 threshold is stored in a file allocation table.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the number of rewrite cycles of the
2 file is stored in a file allocation table.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the read/write storage medium
2 comprises a compact disk read/write disk.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the read/write storage medium
2 comprises a tape drive.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the read/write storage medium
2 comprises a floppy disk drive.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the read/write storage medium
2 comprises an electrically erasable medium.

1 13. (Original) A file system adapted to enhance a life span of a read/write storage
2 medium, the system comprising:
3 a means for identifying whether a file or a read/write storage medium is a static
4 file or a dynamic file;
5 a means for migrating the file to a dynamic region of read/write storage medium if
6 the file is a static file; and
7 a means for migrating the file to a static region of the read/write storage medium
8 if the file is a dynamic file.

1 14. (Original) The file system of claim 13, the means for identifying comprising:
2 a counter to count a number of rewrite cycles of the file.

1 15. (Original) The file system of claim 14, the means for identifying comprising:
2 a means for comparing the number of rewrite cycles of the file to a predetermined
3 rewrite cycle threshold.

1 16. (Original) The file access system of claim 13, the means for identifying
2 comprising:
3 a means for identifying a file type of the file.

1 17. (Original) A computer system adapted for enhancing a life span of a read/write
2 storage medium, the system comprising:
3 a processor-executable file system adapted to perform the steps of:
4 identifying whether a file on a read/write storage medium is a static file or
5 a dynamic file;
6 migrating the file to a dynamic region of the read/write storage medium if
7 the file is a static file; and
8 migrating the file to a static region of the read/write storage medium if the
9 file is a dynamic file.

1 18. (Original) The computer system of claim 17, the step of identifying comprising a
2 step of:
3 counting a number of rewrite cycles of the file.

1 19. (Original) The computer system of claim 18, the step of identifying comprising
2 the step of:
3 comparing the number of rewrite cycles of the file to a predetermined rewrite
4 cycle threshold.

1 20. – 27. (Cancelled)